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On October 14, 2008, this Board directed the Auditor-Controller to work with the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) to review LACOE's Juvenile Court School (JCS) program. This review included the manner in which LACOE utilizes existing dollars for staff and overhead costs and how that compares to other county offices of education JCS programs. Additionally, the review intended to identify the difference between the average daily attendance model and the residential service delivery model and how funding differences would impact the program and the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Los Angeles County Comprehensive Education Reform Committee's report. The Auditor-Controller contracted with School Services of California, Inc. (SSC) to conduct this study. In a report dated August 12, 2009, the Auditor-Controller highlighted the results of SSC's review, and issued recommendations to enhance LACOE's oversight of the JCS program.

The results of SSC's review points to LACOE's fiscal challenges and provides a list of recommendations to enhance LACOE's management of the JCS program. In addition, based on SSC's report, the Auditor-Controller recommends that LACOE develop a detailed plan to address the JCS program's operating deficit that has increased from \$6 million to \$20 million over the last three years. LACOE's detailed plan should identify options to reduce JCS program costs for staff salaries and employee benefits, use of substitute teachers and number of program administrators and how LACOE plans to pursue legislative changes to the existing funding model. The detailed plan should also prioritize SSC's and the Auditor-Controller's recommendations with targeted completion dates.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Office to work with the Superintendent of the Los Angeles County Office of Education to prioritize the recommendations, develop a timeline to implement the recommendations, demonstrate cost reductions and provide this Board with monthly progress reports.

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